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McKinley's Electoral Vote Is Placed Now at 220.

BRYAN IS CONCEDED 135.

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SEVERAL STATES YET DOUBTFUL.

Indiana, Kentucky, California, Kansas, North Carolina, Oregon, North Dakota and Delaware Are Doubtful, but Enough Lean Toward McKinley to Give Him the Benefit of the Doubt.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—It is reasonably certain that McKinley and Hobart have been elected, but the majority is likely to be, from indications at 10 o'clock this morning, a narrow one, a much narrower one than has been looked for as the result of earlier dispatches. The following electoral votes are conceded to McKinley:

Connecticut, 6; Illinois, 24; Iowa, 13; Maine, 6; Maryland, 8; Massachusetts, 15; Michigan, 14; Minnesota, 9; New Hampshire, 4; New Jersey, 10; New York, 36; Ohio, 23; Pennsylvania, 32; Rhode Island, 4; Vermont, 4; Wisconsin, 12. Total, 220.

The probabilities point with great certainty to Delaware with its 3 votes and Indiana with its 15 as Republican and as furnishing more than the 224 requisite to constitute a majority in the electoral college. The 3 votes of North Dakota apparently belong to McKinley and the same may be said of the 3 votes of Oregon and 13 of Kentucky, but in all these cases returns are too inadequate to justify a definite conclusion.

The following votes are conceded to Bryan:

Alabama, 12; Arkansas, 8; Colorado, 4; Florida, 4; Georgia, 13; Idaho, 3; Louisiana, 8; Mississippi, 9; Missouri, 17; Montana, 3; Nevada, 3; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 15; Utah, 3; Virginia, 12; total, 135.

Nothing but the most meager and scattering returns have been received from California with 9 electoral votes; Kansas with 10; Wyoming, 3; and Washington, 4. So neither party can as yet claim these states. Nebraska with its 8 votes is very close, with probabilities strongly in favor of Bryan. North Carolina with its 11 votes is claimed by both sides, but has probably gone for Bryan, and so with South Dakota and its 4 votes.

The situation, therefore, may be reduced to this: Certain for McKinley, 220; almost certain for McKinley, 18; indications for McKinley, 25.

Certain for Bryan, 135; probably for Bryan, 23; doubtful, 20.

From returns thus far received the next senate probably will stand as follows: Republicans, 42; Democratic, 32; Independents and Populists, 11; doubtful, 5. Total 90. On the currency question the senate undoubtedly will have an antisilver majority. The doubtful states are Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Dakota. They need 45 votes with vice president, to control the senate. The Republican senators who bolted the St. Louis platform are classed as independents.

THE VOTE IN TEXAS.

Democratic Majority Will Fall Away Below Former Years.

AUSTIN, Nov. 4.—The greatest interest was centered here on the state election. While the Democratic state ticket will pull through with a good majority, ranging from 40,000 to 75,000, the Democrats are surprised at the heavy vote polled against Bryan and Culbergon. Democrats here say gold Democrats, Republicans and Populists by their combination made them hustle, but after all, they claim a grand victory, and that it took a combination of three to even scare them.

Bryan and Sewall will carry the state by 40,000 to 80,000, although indications are that McKinley has carried some of the larger towns, though complete returns may change this supposition.

None of the Australian ballot cities had sent in complete returns up to 12 o'clock to-day. In these McKinley and Kearby are expected to show their greatest strength.

On account of the length of the ticket and the great distance from any telegraph office of some places a correct estimate cannot be made for at least three days.

Kearby has run ahead of his ticket in nearly all of the returns now in.

It is impossible yet to even tell how the legislature stands, but better satisfaction can be given concerning the congressional delegation.

In the First congressional district Ball will win over Eagle.

Cooper will win in the Second district over Calhoun and Claiborne.

De Graffenreid has carried the Third over Farmer by a good vote.

It is a close race in the Fourth between J. W. Canford and J. H. Davis. It may take the full official ballot to decide.

J. W. Bailey has beaten Gordon badly in the Fifth.

In the Sixth Judge Burke defeated Barnett Gibbs. This was considered close, but Gibbs ran far behind the Populist ticket.

Henry has won in the Seventh over Douthitt and Pope by a small majority.

Lanham seems to be leading in the Eighth, with Jenkins just at his heels.

Sayers is about safe in the Ninth, with Makemson second.

It is close between Hawley and Shelburne in the Tenth. Hawley claims the election.

The eleventh is doubtful, but favorable to Gross over Kleburg and Smith.

It is anybody's race in the twelfth. Looks like Slayden and then Noonan.

It will require a count to decide in the thirteenth, though things seem to favor Stephens.

Burke Leads Gibbs.

DALLAS, Nov. 4.—In the race for congress in the Sixth congressional district Burke leads Gibbs in nearly every precinct counted. The indications are that Burke will have a good majority.

Bailey Leading.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Nov. 4.—Congressman J. W. Bailey will be returned to congress. He lead his opponent in nearly every precinct.

ALABAMA.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 4.—Full returns not yet received from any county in the state, and no estimate based on any actual count of votes can safely be made.

BIRMINGHAM, Nov. 4.—The Democrats have carried Alabama by a safe majority. It will be several days before complete returns can be obtained. The sound money Democrats mostly voted for the Republican ticket.

The nine congressmen will be Democrats with possibly one exception.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 4.—Arkansas went Democratic by about 25,000 majority. In some districts the Republicans made considerable gains, but the fusion was too much for them.

All the congressmen are Democratic.

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 4.—The fusion ticket in Arkansas was elected by a majority of from 15,000 to 20,000. Returns from over the state indicate that about the usual vote was polled, a few counties showing a slight increase over the September election.

The Democratic candidates for congress were elected by good majorities. Terry in the Fourth district receiving about 8000 over Waters, Republican.

McRae in the Third district carried one of the strongest Republican precincts in Hempstead county.

It will be several days before all the returns are in from the back counties, but from the figures at hand the Democratic majority is conservatively estimated at 25,000. The three Populists on the ticket ran about 5000 behind the Democrats, which represents about the Democratic strength in the state.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4.—California joined fast in the McKinley landslide and its majority for the Republican standard bearer will reach 5000 at least. Many counties have not yet sent in returns, but the more populous and those on which the fate of elections hinged have all been heard from, and swell the Republican majority to a point where nothing to come later can possibly disturb them.

Great interest is centered on the congressional ticket. Outside of this city only one Democratic representative seems to have been chosen.

The legislature may safely be classed as Republican, thus securing the return of a Republican to the United States senate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4.—Returns from many places in California. The Democrats claim the state by 18,000 and probably has placed it in the Bryan column, although the Republicans have not yet given it up.

Returns are too meager to say how the congressmen stand.

COLORADO.

DENVER, Oct. 4.—Scattering returns received show Bryan and Sewall have carried Colorado by over 100,000 plurality in a total vote of about 175,000. Democratic-Silver-Republican fusion state ticket headed by Alve Adams apparently has a plurality of 12,000 over Populist-Silver party.

DENVER, Nov. 3.—From returns so far Colorado will be the banner Democratic state. Bryan and Sewall on the fusion ticket have carried the state by over 100,000 plurality.

Result as to the state ticket is yet in doubt.

Shafroth and Bell are re-elected to congress, but no definite results as to the others.

CONNECTICUT.

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 4.—This state will go into the McKinley column by about 40,000. Big Republican gains come from every quarter of the state.

The Republican reported in almost every section of the state. The Republican state ticket is elected by majorities ranging from 30,000 to 40,000. The four Republican congressmen are elected and the state legislature will be overwhelmingly Republican.

DELAWARE.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 4.—Returns from this city and all over the state are very slow. Those received from a few precincts in this city show slight Republican losses, but it is believed, however, that the Republicans have the presidential electors by at least 1000 majority.

Tunnell, Democrat, is probably elected governor and Handy, free silver congressman, is also probably elected.

Both factions claim the state.

FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 4.—The electoral vote of this state is almost sure for Bryan.

Davis and Sparks, Democrats, for congress, are elected in the First and second districts, but there is some doubt as to the others.

GEORGIA.

ATLANTA, Nov. 4.—Bryan has carried this state by about 61,000, but the Republican vote in some counties was a surprise to even the Republicans.

Chatham and Marion counties went for McKinley. Fulton, in which Atlanta is situated, gave Bryan 1379 majority.

Democrats have the congressmen.

IDAHO.

BOISE CITY, Nov. 4.—Though returns lack many places to have full returns the electoral vote can safely be given to Bryan.

Congressman and state officers may also go to the Democrats.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—Senator Tillman sent the following to the Tribune:

"I do not concede McKinley's election, although the returns up to date point that way. If he is elected the fight against plutocracy and the gold standard will not be abandoned. The present agitation no more can be stopped than that which resulted in the emancipation of slaves. The agricultural classes can never hope for prosperous times under the gold standard."

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—The Republicans have carried Illinois by about 125,000. Chicago alone gave McKinley a majority of 51,000. The vote in this state is a complete surprise to the Democrats and they take their defeat hard, because of the big majority.

Voting began early, and there were few that did not cast their ballots.

Here the news was received from the states as to the general results, and was the center of attraction.

At 2:30 o'clock this morning the Republican officials at state headquarters closed their doors for the night, satisfied that Illinois had gone between 100,000 and 150,000 for McKinley and about the same for Tanner.

The returns on congressmen were coming in slowly, and but one district had filed its complete vote. The partial returns from other districts indicated that nearly every one would elect the Republican candidate.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 4.—Four hundred out of 3115 precincts in Indiana outside of Marion county, Indianapolis, show a net Republican gain of 4179—a little over 10 to the precinct. At this ratio the Republican gain has been steadily coming up, and if it continues, will give the state to McKinley by over 30,000. With such a heavy Republican vote over the state the Republicans have probably all the congressional candidates, though there is doubt about the Fourth and Ninth districts. The Republicans will have a majority in the legislature, which the Republican managers place at 42 on joint ballot.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 4.—Indiana is safe for McKinley by a majority between 15,000 and 28,000.

IOWA.

DES MOINES, Nov. 4.—All Republican congressmen elected in Iowa beyond doubt, and McKinley's plurality in the state estimated at from 80,000 to 90,000. The state ticket is likely to run ahead of the national ticket.

DES MOINES, Nov. 4.—The 13 electoral votes of Iowa go to McKinley by a majority ranging somewhere between $4,000 and 150,000. The Republicans made gains at almost every voting place.

The congressmen will most all be Republicans, with the possible exception of two.

KANSAS.

TOPEKA, Nov. 4.—It seems now that Bryan has carried Kansas by a small majority, although it is claimed by Chairman Simpson of the Republican state committee that McKinley has carried the state.

The Democrats claim the election of four congressmen. The First district is conceded to Broderick, Republican, and the Fourth is classed as doubtful.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 4.—The state is in doubt. Both claim it.

KENTUCKY.

LEXINGTON, Nov. 4.—The latest news from the state indicates that McKinley will carry the state by a small majority. Not much news has been heard from the western part of the state where free silver is strongest, but the increased Republican majorities in the central and eastern parts is almost too heavy to be overcome. McKinley's majority in this city and county was 1190. Louisville will probably give the Republican ticket about 9000 maority.

There is considerable doubt about the congressmen. Little has probably been Breckenridge for congress by a small majority.

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LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 4.—Bryan has carried Louisiana by from 25,000 to 40,000. The six congressmen are democratic.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 4.—With half a dozen polls missing Bryan's majority in the city is 10,000. His majority in the state may not exceed 30,000. A full Democratic delegation is elected to congress.

MAINE.

BATH, Me., Nov. 4.—Arthur Sewall, Democratic vice presidential candidate, was interviewed by an Associated Press representative. He said:

"We will be under a government controlled by syndicates for the next four years as well as by injunction. Mr. Bryan received 140 electoral votes, which show that there are some honest men in the country."

MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 4.—From returns in McKinley will have a good majority.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Nov. 4.—Massachusetts is in the McKinley column by 85,000 to 100,000 majority. The indications are that the Republicans have nearly all of the congressmen.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, Nov. 4.—Returns are incomplete as yet from 33 counties in Michigan. The indication is McKinley's plurality will be 40,000. The same returns give Pingree for governor as estimated plurality of 55,000.

Republican members of congress are elected in each of the 12 districts of the state except the Third and Eighth, and in the latter the issue is still doubtful between Congressman Linton and Ferdinand Brucker. The legislature will be overwhelmingly Republican.

DETROIT, Nov. 4.—Michigan will give McKinley a handsome majority. It will probably reach 35,000 majority.

Returns on the presidential candidates from 48 Michigan counties give McKinley 72,467; Bryan, 63,798. Reports from several strong counties in the upper peninsula are not included in this computation.

Forty-six counties give Pingree, Republican, for governor, 79,185; Sligh, Democrat, 55,920.

A. M. Todd, Democrat, elected to congress in the Third Michigan district by a small plurality.

MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 4.—Election returns slow. Indications are Republicans will have the largest majority ever given them in the state.

MISSISSIPPI.

JACKSON, Nov. 4.—Bryan's majority in the state is estimated at 50,000. All congressmen Democrats.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 4.—Missouri returns are still incomplete, but it is known without a doubt that St. Louis has given McKinley from 12,000 to 25,000 plurality, the former being conceded by the Democrats and the latter claimed by the Republicans. There seems to be no doubt that two of the three St. Louis congressmen will be Republican, Barthold of the Tenth district and Pearce in the Twelfth. Joy, Republican, appears to have been defeated by Hunt, Democrat, according to the latest returns.

The lateness of the returns from the city and state is due to complications in the election laws recently enacted and put into force for the first time at this election. Added to this, the counting of the vote on the four constitutional amendments caused further loss of time, each having to be taken up separately. The indications are that these amendments are defeated. Less than one-half of the election precincts in Missouri have been heard from. They show up bad for Bryan, which Chairman Cook claimed would give him the state by 70,000 plurality. He also claims the election of 12 Democratic congressmen outside of St. Louis and the four Democratic state ticket, with Stephens for governor.

The only definite returns as to congressmen are from the Third and Fourth districts, the Democratic candidate being elected in each. On the other hand the Republicans claim the state in doubt. Returns thus far received show a large increase in the vote for both parties as compared with 1892, and the Republicans assert the advantage is largely with them. Lewis, the Republican candidate for governor, ran ahead of the national ticket in most of the country districts.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 4.—Missouri will go for Bryan. Enough is known that the majorities for the Democrats cannot now be overcome.

Some of the congressmen are in doubt.

MONTANA.

BUTTE, Nov. 4.—Bryan's majority in the state may reach 15,000. The entire Democratic-Populist fusion state ticket is elected with the probable exception of associate justice of the supreme court, treasurer and secretary of state.

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, Nov. 4.—While Bryan has presumably carried Nebraska by a small plurality Republicans are not conceding that fact since less than 300 out of 1554 precincts in the state have been heard from. Bryan is steadily gaining in the most remote rural districts yet to be heard from. His majority, however, shows decreasing majorities as the count progresses. It is conceded that Bryan's greatest strength is those and will probably overcome the 2000 plurality McKinley has in Omaha.

The feature of the contest is the enormous vote polled, probably 10 per cent heavier than at any previous time.

Holcomb (Dem.-Pop.) gubernatorial candidate is probably elected as he ran far ahead of Bryan in many sections. The probabilities are that the state ticket is divided between the two parties and will be close on all of the results. The legislature, however, is largely Republican.

In the congressional districts, while little is definitely known, except in the second, where Mercer is reelected, there is little doubt that the Republicans have elected four of the remaining five congressmen.

Maxwell, Silver Democrat, in the third, is probably elected.

LINCOLN, Nov. 4.—From the returns received from the state the indications are very strong that Bryan will carry the state by a small majority.

Another report indicated that McKinley would carry it.

Precinct 3 of the Ninth ward of this city, Bryan's precinct, gives Bryan 102, McKinley, 139. This is a material gain for Bryan. The ward went for McKinley.

NEVADA.

CARSON, Nov. 4.—It will be impossible to give complete returns from Nevada for several days, communication being slow, but indications are that Bryan's plurality will probably reach 2000.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CONCORD, Nov. 4.—McKinley will carry the state by a good vote.

NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, Nov. 4.—New Jersey has probably gone Republican.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—McKinley's majority in the state will exceed 200,000. Republicans elect state officers and nearly all of the congressmen.

NORTH CAROLINA.

RALEIGH, Nov. 4.—The electoral votes will go to Bryan, but the governor is in doubt. Returns meager.

NORTH DAKOTA.

BISMARCK, Nov. 4.—The Republicans have carried North Dakota by from 5000 to 8000. Fifty-three precincts out of 123 give McKinley 2608; Bryan, 1617. This is a Republican gain and shows that the Republican national, state and congressional tickets are elected and that North Dakota will have a senator who favors the gold standard. The roads in the country are particularly bad on account of the recent snowstorm. It was impossible to drive overland in certain parts of the Red River valley.

Yesterday a poremptory writ of mandamus from Judge Morgan was served on the commissioners of Benton county requiring them to establish a voting precinct for the use of the severalty Indians of Devil's Lake reservation. The precinct was established, and if all have voted they will control the legislative vote in this district.

OHIO.

CANTON, O., Nov. 4.—Excitement into which Canton plunged last night was taken up again early this morning. In fact there was no intermission and last night was joined with today by uninterrupted din, screeches of steam whistles pulled open to their full capacity and tooting a savage chorus; bands and drum corps marching and countermarching; uniformed and ununiformed clubs parading, artillery companies shaking the town with cannon salute, and towns-people enmasse joining in the demonstration enthusiastically rejoicing over the result of the election. Whatever doubt there may be as to the result was swept aside and Canton convinced her townsman that he is president-elect of the United States.

Major McKinley was about the house at 9:00 o'clock, after a brief nap broken by demonstrations all around him.

At 4:00 o'clock this morning he had stood on the roof of the porch reviewing the Tippecanoe club 1000 strong from Cleveland. In order that the major and Mrs. McKinley might get rest the managers of the local reception committee were early on hand to keep away visiting delegations until later in the day. A curious crowd filled the sidewalks and streets about the home, but no visitors were admitted.

Telegrams by the hundred had accumulated throughout the early morning and were delivered in huge bunches. They were mainly congratulatory, with some additional estimates of the situation.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 4.—McKinley will carry his state by about 90,000 votes. Four of the congressmen may be Democrats.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—A general falling off of about 25 per cent in the total vote compared with that of the state election. The probability is that the Republican plurality will be 40,000. In the state election it was 48,000.

BATH, Nov. 4.—As was expected McKinley carried this city, the home of Mr. Arthur Sewall, and he also carried Mr. Sewall's ward. The vote is, Bryan, 472, McKinley, 1224.

The result in Sewall's ward was, Bryan, 66; McKinley, 167.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—Both Bryan and McKinley claim this state. The chances are favorable to Bryan but can easily be placed in the Mckinley column.

PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 4.—The 32 electoral votes of Pennsylvania go to McKinley.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE, Nov. 4.—McKinley will get the four electoral votes of this state.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 4.—Democratic national and state ticket successful.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

YANKTON, Nov. 4.—Vote of this state is favorable to Bryan.

TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 4.—Bryan has carried Tennessee by a small majority.

Taylor elected governor.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 4.—Reports from the state are very meager, the Democrats claiming the state for Bryan, and there is a probability he will get a small plurality. The Republicans still claim the state by a small plurality and are confident of the election of their candidate for governor.

UTAH.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 4.—The chances in this state favor Bryan.

Incomplete returns from the city and some parts of the state seem to leave no doubt that Bryan has carried the state by from 15,000 to 20,000 majority; that King, Democrat, has been elected to congress, and that the Democrats have elected a majority in the legislature.

VERMONT.

MONTPELIER, Nov. 4.—McKinley has carried the state by 27,000 majority.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Nov. 4.—Bryan has a small majority in this state.

WASHINGTON.

SEATTLE, Nov. 4.—The vote in the state is close. Both claim the state.

WEST VIRGINIA.

WHEELING, Nov. 4.—McKinley has carried the state.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 4.—McKinley's majority will be about 25,000.

WYOMING.

CHEYENNE, Nov. 4.—No estimate can be made; may go either way.

Chicago Papers' Estimate.

CHICAGO, Nov. 4.—The Chicago Chronicle, Democrat, latest estimate on electoral vote is: McKinley, 285; Bryan, 233; doubtful, 29.

The Times-Herald, independent, divides the electoral vote as follows: McKinley, 274; Bryan, 149; doubtful, 24.

The Inter Ocean, Republican, table reads: McKinley, 271; doubtful, 61, but probably for McKinley; Bryan, 106.

The Record, independent, table reads; McKinley, 263; Bryan, 138; doubtful, 46.

The Tribune has the following: McKinley, 307; Bryan, 110; doubtful, none.

Vote Cost His Life.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 4.—S. B. Clyde, proprietor of a small hotel in Sixth avenue south, was so determined to vote that he arose from a sick bed to go to the polls. He had just been handed a ballot for marking when suddenly he toppled over dead.

Two Men Shot.

PLATONIA, Tex., Nov. 4.—A difficulty occurred at Waelder between W. T. Rhodes of this city and R. Coleman of Waelder. Both parties commenced firing at once. Coleman was hit twice in the breast and will die. Rhodes was shot twice in the arm and was brought to Platonia. Rhodes will lose his arm. He has a wife and family here.

Captured a Swan.

[illegible], Tex., Oct. 4.—Conductor Walter Myers captured a live swan near Wortham. The bird was on the ground near the railroad and the supposition is that it flew against a telegraph wire and was stunned so that it could not fly.

Accidentally Killed.

WICHITA, Tex., Nov. 4.—Dave Jackson, colored, while moving a bale of cotton so he could load a horse on a car, fell from the platform backwards on his head and died from the effects.

Odd Things About Water.

Water is made up of two different elements—hydrogen and oxygen. It has in its composition two measures of hydrogen for every one of oxygen, but as the latter is so much heavier than the former nine pounds of water are found to contain eight pounds of oxygen and only one of hydrogen. The way in which the composition of water is proved is by means of the voltaic electric battery, combined with other apparatus, designed especially for the purpose.—St. Louis Republic.

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ROSEMARY.

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Bloom's in a tangle
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Now birds have sung.
Shall the heart persuade me
I still am young?

Ah, no. Heart, hush thee!
Be wise, serene,
Lest snow wreaths crush thee
Ere Halloween.
Though June be jolly,
Though flowers be sweet,
'Tis all but folly
And blind deceit.

Heart, thou has finished
With joys that fade;
Thy strength diminished,
Thy light decayed.
The brain is an ember
The blood is cold.
My heart, remember
We both are old!
—Edmund Gosse in Century.

THE COMMON BLACK COAT.

It Is Feared That It May Be Superseded by One of Lighter Color.

It would appear from one of their trade organs that tailors are becoming a little anxious about the prospects of the black coat of civilization. They fear it is in danger of being superseded by a garment of lighter hue, if not of variegated pattern. Perhaps, if they were to give voice to their deeper apprehensions, they would say that there was more at stake than the black coat. There can, at any rate, be little doubt, whether the tailors are willing to admit it or not, that with the fate of the black coat is bound up that of the black waistcoat. Whether the two have been lovely and pleasant in their lives is a matter of opinion, but we feel sure that in death they would not be divided.

We mean no disrespect to the vest in describing it as a parasite of the coat. It is a humble dependant which has only found its way into society under the wing of its influential patron, to whom it adheres with single breasted fidelity, rewarded on the other side by an attachment which is rarely broken save for a short period during the summer months.

The trousers, it is true, are connected with the two upper garments by no such feudal tie, but their own union is complete and, except in very hot weather, indissoluble. Hence, the more farsighted tailors no doubt perceive clearly enough that if the black coat goes we shall be within measurable distance of the "tweed suit." Nor are there wanting those who would do their best to accelerate the catastrophe.

Animated by the restless spirit of the age, its impatience of sobriety and its thirst for change and color in costume, as in life, there is a school of so called reformers who are endeavoring to urge the wearers of black coats to revolt. Let them give free play, exclaim these anarchistic counselors, to "their taste in checks and stripes," and they will be able to cut a far more picturesque figure at a far smaller annual outlay. With the outlay, of course, the public is not concerned, though that matter, doubtless, is not without its interest for the tailors, but we own to some uneasiness at the idea of the entire community indulging its multifarious taste in checks and stripes in a headlong pursuit of the picturesque.

We have all of us, indeed, seen the experiment tried under very favorable circumstances, but with more than dubious results by those little bands of vocal and instrumental artists, generally six or eight in number, who are usually to be met with at race meetings or on the sands at popular seaside resorts. These pioneers of dress reform have entirely discarded the black coat, preferring one of gayer color, with noticeably elongated tails, and the freedom with which they indulge their taste in checks and stripes may almost be said to border upon license. Yet the effect, even with the addition of an open shirt collar of Elizbethan proportions, a corked face and a banjo cannot be described as entirely picturesque.—London Telegraph.

Not to Be Resisted.

Some years ago, at a session of the legislature of Kentucky, an effort to repeal the law offering a bounty on foxes' scalps was made, but was defeated by the appeal of a member from a mountainous and sparsely settled region.

"Do the gentlemen want to deprive my constituents and me of the benefit of hearing the gospel preached?" he demanded, with indignation in his tone and overspreading his rugged countenance. "We are all Methodists up my way, and our preachers won't come without we can give 'em chickens, I know. We can't raise chickens unless the foxes are killed by somebody, that's sure, and there ain't anybody that can afford to spend their time hunting foxes and get nothing to pay for it.

"So, gentlemen, if you repeal this law, you'll be depriving my constituents of the benefit of hearing the gospel preached. That's the way it looks to me!"

This reasoning was too much for the legislature, and for the time being the law was not repealed.—Youth's Companion.

NOTICE.
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THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1896

W. C. Thompson, Editor & Propriet'r
Walter B. Wilson, Local Editor.

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" " " Rocky Mt. News $1.75

"HONESTY is the best policy."

HANNA as a "cat apple" dealer is more of a success than Blake. He is not so clumsy.

IT can be safely predicted that the political grave of "cat apple" Blake is dug broad and deep.

To Chairman Bradley: We fell outside the breastworks but the bushwhackers fell also.

THIS (Friday) morning chair man Jones concedes the election of Wm. McKinley. And Bryan has sent his telegram of congratulation to the president-elect.

WE are compelled to stop our press in order to announce that Authur Sewall of Maine has withdrawn from the vice presidential race.

THE free silver democratic party is virtually dead. It has been rebuked throughout the nation because of its treachery to its ally its insincerity. It undertook to destroy the only true friend of silver—the populist party. It gained some votes from the latter but lost the respect of thousands upon thousands of populists and democrats, consequently its utter defeat. Those who remained with the democratic party expecting reform must now realize the truth that reform inside the old organization is out of the question. Democrats who are earnestly and honestly seeking reform must form new alignments. Parties, like individuals, will never be trusted who stand idly by while the honest laborer produces and then steal his products. Platforms should be credited to their creators. The populist organization will go forward, dropping from its ranks all traitors and cowards and "cat apple" receivers. Let us renew the work of education.

Local Results.

To the thoughtful observer the result in the local election is not surprising. The populist party was burdened with the national dilemma. The rank and file of the voters throughout Collin county and the state were constantly being told about the horrors of McKinleyism and Hannaism. They were urged that a vote for Bryan and Watson was a vote for McKinley and the effect was very marked. As a consequence the local populist ticket from governor down suffered. This should not have been, but it was so. Those who understood the populist platform demands knew that the financial plank of the Chicago platform was not consistent with the former from the fact that the latter provided for a redeemable currency—an avenue for bonds. It is apparent that if the populist theory is wrong the "sound money" theory is right and vice versa. There is no middle ground. The campaign will have good results.

There has been started an independent thought.

Bryan, in reference to partisanism, is not a democrat. While his party has stuck to him, he has always said that he would not stick to his party in certain emergencies. He believes in government ownership of certain corporate interests and the issuance of money direct to the people.

Let us now educate and push on this independent thought and defy any part of our citizenship to be more loyal and true than the membership of the populist party.

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To Correspondents.

We urge you to renew your correspondence. The election with all its work, worry and excitement is now over. We will as usual make THE DEMOCRAT the best local paper in Collin county and expect you to aid us in the work. We want all the community news in a condensed form.

The Earth Carried.

Just as we go to press the following note came to hand:

To THE DEMOCRAT: Sound Money Headquarters were closed to-day with the last dispatch on the board.

☞McKinley has carried the Earth and the Moon and Mars seems to be in sympathy with him.

☞"That's what's the matter with Hanna."

W. H. LOVE,
H. E. SMITH.

THE free silver democracy dug a grave for the populist party and then proceeded to lie 'down in it,'

The south bound M. K. & T. train was held up near Alvarado, Texas, by masked highwaymen Monday night. They failed to get any money. No damage done except the scare given to trainmen and passengers.

Club Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the central national democratic club of Collin county in McKinney on the night of Nov. 9, 1896. Busi- of a very important nature will be transacted on that occasion. Every member of the club throughout the county is respectfully asked to be present.

J. M. PEARSON, Chrm.

October Rainfall.

The following is the rainfall of Oct., '96, as registered by C. B. Moore, at Ad Valoreh, 6 miles north of McKinney:

	Inches.
10	.3750
20	.5000
21	1.2500
22	.5000
23	.1250
28-29	2.1250
Total	4.8750

The Result.

The election is over. It has brought with it victory and defeat—joy and sorrow. Half of the American people are now in ecstacy while the other half is downcast. The sting of defeat will cause many a harsh word to grate upon the ear of a neighbor and the intoxication of victory will cause undue expression which cruelly pierces the heart of the already sorrow burdened citizen.

The writer is among the defeated. We have no regret to express about our political action. We did our duty as we saw it. The party in national convention assembled became confused and disorganized on the question of endorsing the action of another party. The party is composed, not of the rich, but of the poor. It had no "barrel" at its command. It was devoted to its principles, also loved its organization. Its enemies courted its favor. The democratic party which met in Chicago smiled at the prospect of capturing the young and fast growing party and its annihilation. There was no reciprocal offer but unconditional surrender. A large portion of the populist party would not make such an unjust sacrifice. It held back and refused to rush into the arms of ingratitude. The result is known. Democratic leaders refused to consider any question except the single idea of "free silver at 16 to 1." Other questions just as important were brushed aside and the scramble for place and power asserted itself as usual. The gifted Bryan was handicapped. He realized the importance of the populist vote, especially in the doubtful states and immediately after his nomination he begged that his running mate be selected from the people. His wishes were disregarded. His speeches were of the independent order. He asked that the party collar be torn off. His managers insisted in drawing the lines of party tighter. Bryan is defeated. Let the blame be placed in the right place. The state democracy refused overtures and then had the audacity to prate about "patriotism." It resorted to "bribery" and talked loud about "Hanna's slush fund." It denounced life tenure in office and malfeasance. What has it done? Does it practice its preaching? Let those who supported the entire ticket without a scratch answer.

Let us accept the result peaceably and resolve to renew our devotion to the cause of the people,

Religious.

The fourth quarterly conference for Anna mission for the year 1896 has gone into the records of history.

It was the best I ever attended. Everbody was happy. The Presiding elder, though not well, was in a fine humor and preached a capital sermon Sunday at 11 a. m.

Princeton paid her assessment in full and Wilson chapel followed the example.

The statistical reports of the pastor showed an enormous increase over any preceding year, and verifies the prediction made in these columns last November by your correspondent, that the year 1896 would be the most prosperous in the history of this charge.

A member of the conference stated before the conference that he had paid the church more money this year than in all his past life and had made more money than in any one year, and enjoyed religion better. He was happy.

Wilson chapel realizing the efficient labors of their pastor during the past were unanimous in their request for his return. Princeton wants him back and so does Anna, who petitioned to the bishop through the presiding elder with a forcibly written document; also Melissa sent a written request for his return.

The pastor thinks he has a model set of stewards. Everything is in fine shape to begin a new year.

Material for the Princeton M. E. church is being put on the ground.

J. F. S.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflamation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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LADIES.

Belle Mattie A	Price Leola
Davis Julie	Relford L M
Floyd Melvinna	Sobins Effie
Fonmer Matilda	Robeson Leslie
Grey Nan	Taylor
Jackson Susie	Tammons Emma
McCamy Albirta	Thomas M C
Morton A S	Malony M C
Matts M E	

GENTLEMEN.

Burger Lee	Mauldin Geo
Carnetti Shaw	Neil A M
Collingsworth J T	Croft Bud
Pearce Alfred H	Penn Andrew
Cummings Ed	Rawls John A 2
Deshaine Mr	Rich W M
Duncan Charlie	Reanels G W
Ganean Henry	Tadlack C C
Farlep W J	Templeman J A
Gash G H	Trentham John
Howard Oscar	Thompson E A
Hure Mr	Wright George
Huse R H	Word J T
Jones Miton	Wilson Billie
Klipper O F 2	McFarlin D J
May Joseph 3	Mitchel J K

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

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H. L. ROBBINS, G. P. & T. A.
C. W. BEIN, Traffic Manager.

Lost, Overcoat.

McKinney, Tex., Nov. 6, 1896.

The gentleman to whom I loaned an overcoat one rainy day about two months ago will please return the same and oblige,

Your truly,
A. ZICHNER,
Proprietor. Star Bakery and Restaurant.

TIME changes many things, especially the policies of the democratic party. Citizens will wonder what the hobby of that party will be in the near future. We will saw wood awhile and see.

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We Lead Where Others Fear To Tread! . . .

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We are yours to command. If we haven't your size in stock we can get them for you in three days from our store in Fort Worth.

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We are the leaders in styles and fashion. We are the only house in Collin county that carry the celebrated Rochester, New York, makes. We carry shoes that can only be found in eight towns in the state of Texas, namely, Galveston, Houston, San Antonio, Waco, Fort Worth, Dallas and McKinney.

Though last upon the list, we shall declare that she shall be counted among the first, and outshine her fair rival sister towns for style and fashion in dainty foot-wear, representing such houses for

LADIES FINE FOOTWEAR

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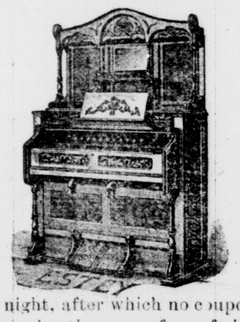

Again let us whisper in your ear: We only pay one-fourth the rent we would have to pay if we paid rent on the square, therefore we can, if we choose afford to give away an organ every 60 days and still be ahead on difference in rent. Men buy your shoes from us and get your coupons so that your wife or daughter will will have a share in this great free offering. Young men, buy your shoes from us and give your coupons to your sweethoart or sister so they will have a share in this great free offering Everybody come and buy your shoes from us and get your coupons which will entitle you to a share in this great free gift. Remember, Reliable Goods only. Remember, Lowest Possible Cash Prices.

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This is to certify that the above statement concerning the Estey Organ is true in every respect having been purchased from me for spot cash and guarantee it to be our $145 instrument and our "Leader" is also guaranteed by the Estey Organ Co., for a term of five years. The above organ can be exchanged for a church organ if desired. J. T. COUCH. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of Oct. 1896. J. H. FAULKNER, Justice of the Peace and Notary Public of Collin County, Texas.

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Cut 25 per cent.

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We have a full line of Millinery
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in those goods.

We will have a Special cut sale of
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TO-DAY
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Yours truly.

Racket Store.

Cheapness doesn't mean merely little money—it means value for your money. We don't advertise cheapness because that doesn't express the facts about the BUCKSKIN BREECHES. We tell you that they are better in every way than the so-called cheap goods—then we say they don't cost any more. If common goods are cheap, what about good pants at the same price.

W. W. McDowell, assignee of the T. M. McDaniel stock at Plano and McKinney, is at the former city today, looking after the affairs of the unfortunate firm.

Others have found health, vigor and vitality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely has power to help you also. Why not try it.

The numerous friends of Volney Coleman will be delighted to learn of the improvement in his condition which has been very serious.

Do you feel dull and bilious, a heavy tired feeling, bad taste in the mouth and an aversion to food? These symptoms of a torpid liver and need often to prevent the developement of a serious kidney disease. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS will set things right. It drives out all foul matter and impurities in the bowels, stimulates the liver and digestion, cleanses the system of bilious influences, and imparts a general feeling of health and cheerfulness. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Notice The Fair's advertisement in this issue of The Democrat.

J. E. Wallace, a prominent Desert farmer, is the guest of his brother, J. P. A. Wallace, in this city this week. We acknowledge a pleasant call from him yesterday.

Our readers will please be patient and forbearing for this issue. The election work has prevented us from giving much local news matter.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is not a "bitters" as the word is generally understood. It could not be used as a drink because of its highly medicated and cathartic properties. Nor is it a drastic, disagreeable mixture. It is pleasant to take, mild and agreeable, does not nauseate the stomach, nor produce griping sensations.

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Rev. J. M. McKinney is building another neat rent dwelling in Fairfield.

Mr. S. T. Hammond, a well known business man of our city, has opened up "The Fair" with a bran new stock of tinware, queensware, notions, clocks, jewelry, etc., on South ... street, Tennessee

Mr. Hammond formerly conducted the Star Bakery and enjoys an enviable reputation in McKinney and throughout the county as an honorable, straightforward business man. He intends making The Fair a permanent institution for our city and promises his customers big bargains on everything in his line. Clock and watch repairing is a speciality, also, at The Fair. This feature of the enterprise is under the skilled supervision of Robt. Benson, who extends a cordial invitation to his many friends to visit him.

Abe Smith of Lebanon revived somewhat our depressed spirit by leaving two dollars for two subscriptions to The Democrat. Thanks, such aid will help us to stem the cold and cruel political waves.

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DISEASES of the Kidneys are caused to a large extent by long neglected disorders in the liver. The starting point is usually the stomach, which has thrown a mass of badly digested food into the liver, causing it to become torpid and bringing on a general clogging up of the system. Under this condition of things the kidneys will continue the struggle, assuming part of the duties of the liver in an effort to set things right again, and if they were properly assisted on the appearance of the bilious symptoms, by a few doses of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS or some other equally reliable system regulator, the serious complications that develop out of such conditions would be averted. Unfortunately, however, the progress of kidney disease is not marked by any violent symptoms, THE VICTIM is conscious that he is not quite right, yet as long as he can continue to get through his daily duties he does nothing to stay the spread of the disease. The kidneys soon become weakened and are unable to perform their duties in keeping the blood clean, so the waste material which must be filtered out of the blood if the body would be healthy, remains until it decays, changing to a poisonous acid (uric acid) which extends its destructive influence to every part of the system. Then follows, gradually increasing weakness, disorders in the urine, backaches, dropsical swellings, pimples under the eyes, etc., and unless remedial measures are promptly applied the disease will soon place the patient beyond the reach of medical restoratives.

There is now urgent need of a remedy that can be depended upon to cure; the record of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS in nearly a score of years of constant use, during which it has successfully passed the SEVEREST TESTS, is sufficient evidence that it is an entirely reliable remedy for the suffering kidneys. It heals and strengthens the kidneys so that they resume their blood cleansing and urine gathering functions. The liver is cleansed and regulated, the stomach toned up, and obstructions in the bowels are removed. As a result of this renewal of functional activity the poisons are extracted from the blood, the system purified, the body strengthened and health is rapidly restored.

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PRICE $1.00 PER BOTTLE.
Prepared by PRICKLY ASH BITTERS CO., St. Louis, Mo.
SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

Vote of Collin County.

The vote of Collin county is incomplete as we go to press. In our next week's issue we will give a tabulated statement. The count to the present is as follows

Governor	
Culberson	3943
Kearby	2560
Congress	
Bailey	3999
Gordon	1574
Foster	1144
Senator	
Gough	4400
Tilson	2339
Representatives	
Wilcox	4307
Vaughan	4141
Kirkpatrick	3413
Lowry	2124
Lokey	102
Judge	
Abernathy	3934
Andrews	2707
District Clerk	
Hall	4329
Wilson	2464
Co. Clerk	
Walden	4058
Miller	2478
Sheriff	
Coffey	4512
McCarty	2431
Treasurer	
Saunders	4273
Branch	2447
Assessor	
Shrader	4275
Marriott	2311
Surveyor	
Shirley	4659
Noyes	2074

Returns indicate the election of the following county commissioners: Smith in No. 1; Howard in No. 2; Scott in No. 3; and Rice in No. 4. Howard is the only populist.

In justice precinct No. 1 Faulkner and McDonald, both democrats, were elected justice of the peace and constable. Populist constables were elected in the Weston and Blue Ridge precincts.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Doctors Say;

Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the Stomach Liver and Bowels.

The Secret of Health.

The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result.

Tutt's Liver Pills
Cure all Liver Troubles.

Mr. S. J. McKinney and family of Blue Ridge, leave this week for Putnam, Callahan county, Tex., where they go in hopes of benefiting Mr. McKinney's health. We join the host of friends Mr. McKinney has made here during his forty years residence in Collin county in wishing that he may recover the full vigor and enjoyment of his former robust health. The Democrat will keep them informed on the current news of their old home.

Backache, it is said, is one of the chief syptoms of kidney trouble. If you have any uneasiness in the small of the back, liver disturbances, urinary disorders, it means Bright's Disease. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS cures Bright's Disease. It heals and strengthens the kidneys regulates the liver, stomach and digestion, and purifies the bowels. Its splendid record of remarkable cures renders further recommendation unnecessary. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

S. T. Hammond, proprietor of The Fair, solicits a portion of your trade in his line.

Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla imparts new life and energy to all parts of the body. Good as well for baby as for grand-father. 50 cents and 50 doses.

Pills do not cure constipation. They only aggravate. Karl's Clover Root Tea gives perfect regularity of the bowels. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Large, small, long and wide glass at Smith Bros.

A Great Day.

Monday was "first Monday" and a great day it was, too. The jam of horses, wagons and men usual on such occasions were augmented by many more horses, wagons and men. Street musicians, apple venders and auctioneers galore were in evidence and the festive horse trader was in all his glory. The fact that the following day was election day served to increase interest. As previously advertised Hon. W. H. Atwell a fiery young southern republican orator aroused a big audience of assembled sound money men to a high pitch of enthusiasm with his eloquence. Arthur Love, a comic singer accompanying him, also received a great ovation. Many ladies were present. To keep up enthusiasm for their ticket the local democratic managers paraded the streets with a band and had speaking at the opera house at the same time the republicans were holding forth at the court house. At night Congressman Bailey spoke in the court house and politics reigned supreme.

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PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

White's Grove Items.

Nov. 2, 1896.

Prof. Thompson of McKinney is teaching his school and all getting along nicely.

Miss May Fraze who is attending school at Allen was the guest of her mother Sunday.

Lula McMahan visited Mrs. Annie Scott last week.

Alvin Bryant the 14-year old son of Aron Bryant fell from his horse Thursday and broke his left thigh. He is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Bob Hamilton is very sick at this writing.

Tot England of Parker was delivering his books last week.

Claude Bennett was the guest of friends last week.

Miss Mollie Scott was shopping in McKinney Friday.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. John Holloman is sick.

Mrs. Annie McMahan of McKinney was the guest of Joe McMahan and family Friday.

The Baptists of Whites Grove will hold conference Saturday before third Sunday in this month for the purpose of calling a pastor. We want all of the members to be present.

DEW DROP.

Marriage Bells.

R L Jones	and Miss	Ida Howard
S B Garrison	" "	Arra Massey
R S Medlin	" "	Fannie L Cox
J W Lawson	" "	L A Terrell
C L Clark	" "	Mollie Eads
C C Sprinkle	" "	Lucy Hanner
A J Johnson	" "	Maggie Graves
Geo Johnson	" "	Mary Fisher
J T Hutchens	" "	Emma J Halford, R E Jackson and Miss Georgia A Hendricks, Alonzo Curry and Miss Viola E Billingsley, Eugene Warden and Miss Fannie Bell Holsonbake.

Peter Hanson a Norwegian brick manufacturer of Blooming Grove, Texas, murdered his wife and then suicided.

If you want to keep out the cold strike a bee line for Smith Bros. They carry all sizes window glass.

You run no risk! All dealers sell GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC on a positive guarantee NO CURE NO PAY. Delightful to take. Price 50c. 3

Don't forget to pay us your subscription.

Attention Baptists!!

A mission MASS MEETING will be held at Denton Nov. 24, 25 and 26. All pastors and brethren of Collin, Grayson, Cooke, Fannin and Denton counties, who can do so, are urged to attend.

That was a grand meeting at Sherman in July. This is to be like it, but it is hoped that scores who missed the rare treat at Sherman will go to Denton.

Prayer and conference about our Lord's cause is the only programme. No collections, no organizations to be formed; but simply a spiritual feast is to be spread.

I beg that every preacher and deacon and many others in Collin county attend. Send your name to Rev. J. B. Cole, Denton, Tex.

Yours, for the work,

J. M. ROBERTSON.

McKinney, Tex.

Captain Sweeney. U. S. A., San Diego, Cal., says: "Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy is the first medicine I have ever found that would do me any good." Price 50 cents. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Goostree & Houston solicit a liberal share of the city trade.

Cyclone Davis while making a speech at Pittsburg, Texas, on Monday was assaulted and hit on the head with a club which produced an ugly wound.

Assignment.

J. H. Young, clothier, filed a chattel mortgage Saturday night for the behefit of his creditors. J. H. Williams was named as trustee. Following are a list of the creditors: First Nat. Bank, McKinney, $300; J. H. Coffman, $200; Sanger Bros., $1631.78; W. C. Padgitt, $1460.10; Schwab Bros., $164; Newberg, Rosenberg & Co., $238; Columbia Mfg. Co., $500. Total, $11,149.16.

Big Bargains.

In wall paper and paints for 30 days to reduce stock at City Drug Store.

Consumption can be cured by the use of Shiloh's Cure. This great Cough Cure is the only known remedy for that terrible disease. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Forty-eight kinds of liniment at Smith Bros

CASTORIA.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Diamond dyes at Smith Bros.

Another Business Failure

T. M. McDaniel, dry goods merchant of McKinney and Plano, made a chattel mortgage Wednesday, Nov. 4, conveying his two stocks to W. W. McDowell for the benefit of the following creditors: Abernathy & Beverly, $400; Collin Co. Nat. Bank, $524; Mrs. Joe Williams, $500; T. B. Wilson, $25; Miss Anna Arnett, $100; W. K. McCulloch, $200; Sanger Bros., $1900; S. Straus & Co., $975; N. Monhevmer, $195.36; Marshall, Field & Co., $90.37. Total, $4,909.96.

The Fair

Has an IMMENSE STOCK of

Tinware, Queensware, Notions, clocks and Jewelry.

Clock and Watch Repairing A Specialty.

S. T. Hammond, Propr

First Door south Melton's Grocery Store.
McKinney, Texas.

THE ELECTION, THE SMALL BOYS, AND FIRE CRACKERS

Are now in the past, but

MELTON'S GROCERY STORE

With its many advantages and conveniences in the way of good goods and prices accordingly are still here.

When you want Groceries come to see me and I will do you good. Yours truly.

T. J. MELTON.

R.R. TIME CARD.

H. & T. C.

North bound.	Cannon ball	5:21 a. m
South "	No 2	8:08 a. m.
North "	No 3	9:22 a. m.
South "	No 4	6:54 p.m.
North "	No 1	8:12 p. m.
South "	Cannon Ball	9:48 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger, arrives.		5.03 p.m
Local	"	10. 50 a. m.
Passenger leaves.		11. 15 a. m.
Local	"	3. 25 p. m.

Go to Goostree & Houston's for groceries.

Health and personal appearance both depend on the care of the teeth In the brush line we can sell you better brushes for less money than ever before Tooth powder, paste, more than a dozen kinds Smith Bros

Present value of goods cuts no figure with my prices now.

T. J. Melton.

PERSONAL.

FREE—64-page medical refereuce book to any person afflicted with any special, chronic or delicate disease peculiar to their sex. Address the leading physicians and surgeons of the United States, Dr. Hathaway & co., 209 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas.

window glass, all dimensions, at Smith Bros

The Nickle Store occupies the same old stand, all and see

c H Wray, tailoring merchant, is located with Byrne & Smith where his patrons may find him

eak, pale and sickly women and children made healthy and rosy cheeked by using Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. 50 cents and 50 doses.

The rush of trade at Goostree & Houston's, the popular grocers on East Louisiana street, is occasioned by their large stock of the best and freshest groceries which are being disposed of at prices which meets the desire of the consumers both in and out of the city.

That tired, languid feeling cured by using Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. 50 cents and 50 doses. Purifies the blood. Appetiser and strengthener.

Screen doors, window shades, picture frames and baby buggies at J. H. Sneed's.

M. B. Rexrode, one door south of the Collin County bank will sell you an organ cheaper than any dealer in McKinney, quality considered, either the Chicago, Cottage, Packard, Miller or Sterling. Also will order a piano either of 22 different makes at a closer margin than any dealer in the county, cash or installment. Give him a call. All instruments guaranteed for five years.

Not Buckskin breeches but Buckskin pocket Books at Smith Bros.

"My baby had croup and was saved by Shiloh's Cure," writes Mrs. J. B. Martin, of Huntsville, Ala. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

RAPPED HANDS are anything but pleasant. We carry most everything for their relief. Smith Bros.

Farmers, don't neglect to see Goostree & Houston when you want bargains in groceries—staple and fancy

Some people use vaseline for chapped hands, some glyceride, cold cream, arnica jelly; others oat meal cream, almond cream or cabolic acid solutions. We can furnish any mentioned and not begin to exhaust our list.

Smith Bros.

Go to M. B. Rexrode, one door south of the Collin County bank, and buy the best organ in the market.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Callousad Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring-Bone, Stifles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

The Nickle Store continues to be the place for bargains

Buy the Kingsbury piano.

Window glass single and double strength, best of quality at Smith Bros

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FOR SALE—A Columbia bicycle. A bargain. call at The Democrat office.

Wall paper, paints, oils and window glass at City Drug Store.

Republicans, populists and democrats will vote for the Nickle Store bargains this fall

Puritanos cigars at Smith Bros

M. B. Rexrode will sell you a Chicago Cottage organ, the most popular organ in the South-West, on time to suit purchaser. Discount for cash.

hy is it you hear people say medicine is good if it comes from Smith Bros? It's simply this: we run a drug business and carry only good goods

Are you made miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

If you need your wagon scales repaired, or new ones built, call on R. V. Daughetee, B. 39, McKinney, Tex.

The geese have been going south several days, cold weather and hog killing will naturally follow, do not forget to take home some Salt Petre, Red Pepper, Sage, etc. We have them.

Smith Bros.

Cure Your Catarrh For $1.00.

There is no longer doubt about the efficacy of Dr. W. J. Thurmond's Catarrh ure which is beyond any doubt the greatest remedy ever discovered for catarrh and cold in the head.

Mayor F. N. Oliver of Oak cliff, Tex., writes: "Two bottles of Dr. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure cured my wife and son, Frank, of a bad case of catarrh of long standing. It is a great remedy and all the doctor claims for it." Those who suffer will do well to try the remedy Sold by R. E. Bristol

Window glass all sizes at City Drug Store.

when you want a nobby picture frame call on J H Sneed

Heads of large families will find it to their interest to buy their writing tablets of us. We make special prices by the dozen. It's the same way with toilet soaps. You may be surprised how cheap you can buy them of us.

Smith Bros.

The election is creating some interest but not so much as the bargains at Goostree & Houston's big grocery house

BARGAINS EXTRAORDINARY—

At The

Mississippi Store.

First class stuff at right price.
During this month we will offer Special Bargains in

Heavy Clothing, Undrwear, Overcoats, Blankets, Comforts, Boots and Shoes, Flannels, Jeans,

And all heavy woolen goods. Read and re-read the prices quoted in this paper last week and then compare them with what you find at other houses

The balance of our Novelty dress patterns will be closed at reduced prices.

We will sell a ladies good glove grain shoe for $1.
Childrens shoes from 25c up.
Boys heavy boots for 75c, sizes 13—5.
Mens heavy boots for $1. Sizes 6—10.
Good heavy oil grain congress plow shoes all sizes for $1.

Best Stock of School Shoes in McKinney.

Latest styles and lowest prices in ladies fine shoes.
Special sale this month on ladies and misses Black and Grey Hosiery.
Don't fail to price our goods if you wish to save money.
Come to see us.
We will treat you right. Respectfully,

PERRY, OLDHAM & Co.

The Mississippi Store.

NOTICE.

Parties owing me either on old accounts or B. F. Avery & Son for implements must make arrangements to settle when due. I have other business and have no time to see you. The B. F. Avery notes are at the Collin county national bank, open accounts and notes with Fount Shrader. This is all I shall say in a reasonable length of time. I shall place it in the hands of an attorney if not paid, hoping you will construe this plainly, and act according. Yours respectfully, J. C. WYLIE.

$100 REWARD

For a case of Rheumatism, Indigestion, Constipation, Female Diseases, or any disease of the blood that cannot be cured by Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup.

One of the most substantial and leading merchants of Pilot Point, writes: "My wife was in extremely bad health for three years, after trying everything that was recommended by friends, as well as by several of the leading physicians, without relief, she took four bottles of Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup and to our entire satisfaction. She was entirely cured." W. T. Scott.

It is a great remedy, and is sold by R. E. Bristol.

The heat of the campaign does not disturb the Nickle Store bargains.

See J. H. Sneed for furniture, stoves, queensware, glassware, etc.

Patent Star Oil for harness, saddles shoes and buggy tops makes a fine dressing strickly water proof. Manufactured by H. T. Brantley. Sold by Wallace & Everett, druggists; also at Central wagon yard, McKinney, Tex.

Save Your Life

By using "THE NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the Kidneys, Bladder and Back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this marvelous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by Erwin & Fant, druggists, McKinney, Texas.

WILL TRADE

an organ or a sewing machine for wood.

M. B. REXRODE,
McKinney, Texas.

Hance Bros & whites 10c preparations for sale by Smith Bros.

See J w Asbury for new second hand furniture

My accounts both city and country are now due and must be paid before going further. T J Melton

All the standard cough and la grippe medicines at City Drug Store.

The tonsorial parlor of Hinman & Richardson on the north side is the place to get your barber work done

Fortify yourself for the season Dr Simmons's Sarsaparilla will correct all impure blood, giving health, life and happiness Only 50 cents and 50 doses

Anything in the grocery line at Goostree & Houston's, successors to W D Goostree—the same old stand

You can get waited on quickly and politely at Hinman & Richardson's barber shop—north side

Prescriptions left with us carefully attended to Smith Bros

Smith Bros' cough drops are the best you ever used

Received this week fifteen new styles hair brushes ranging from 50cto $2.50 each at Smith Bros

Smith Bros carry all colors diamond dyes

You can save money by buying wall paper, paints, and glass at City Drug Store

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window glass cheap at City Drug Store

New and elegant is the tonsorial parlor of of Hinman & Richardson

We cut glass any size for you Smith Bros

Diamond dyes are practical You can save money by using them We carry a full line Smith Bros

I was nervous, tired, irritable and cross. Karl's Clover Root Tea has made me well and happy.

MRS. E. B. WORDEN.

For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Tinware and queensware at rock bottom prices at J w Asbury

Farmers, buy your groceries from Goostree & Houston,

Buy the Kingsbury piano.

Special prices on can goods at T J Melton's.

The best cough cure is Shiloh's cure. A neglected cough is dangerous. Stop it at once with Shiloh's Cure. For sale by C. C. Provine. 2

Hinman & Richardson, the barbers, are out after the trade and they are getting it

Do you make tomato catsup? We can furnish you white mustard, celery seed, tumeric etc. Smith Bros.

Something new in puff boxes and perfumes at Smith Bros

For an up-to-date shave or a hair cut call on Hinman & Richardson north side of public square

Sewing machine needles at J H Sneed's

Why leave your rooms bare? You can buy wall paper from 5c a roll up at City Drug Store

My expenses are small and so are my prices, J W Asbury

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Suicide.

You can eat enough to kill yourself if you wish to do so at the Star Restaurant and it will only cost you the pitiful sum of 25cts. Respt.,
Thompson Bros., Propts.

When you get ready to buy groceries don't forget T J Melton

900 DROPS

CASTORIA

A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of

INFANTS CHILDREN

Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.

Recipe of Old Dr SAMUEL PITCHER

Pumpkin Seed -
Alx. Senna +
Rochelle Salts -
Anise Seed +
Peppermint -
Bi Carbonate Soda +
Worm Seed -
Clarified Sugar -
Wintergreen Flavor.

A perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.

Fac Simile Signature of
Chas. H. Fletcher.
NEW YORK.

At 6 months old
35 DOSES - 35 CENTS

EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE —OF— Chas. H. Fletcher. IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF

CASTORIA

Castoria is put up in one-size bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get C-A-S-T-O-R-I-A.

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WHICH DID SHE MEAN

HOW MEMBERS OF A RURAL PARTY GOT TO MORALIZING.

Elihu Undertook to Show the Hired Man and Other Members of His Family How Easy It Is to Rob the Unsophisticated. The Result Wasn't Just as He Calculated.

It was a truly rural party that waited in harrowing suspense for the train which was to leave in two or three hours. They had been to a fair, and in their periods of comparative repose passed the time recounting their experiences and observations.

"I can't he'p bein anxious," the old gentleman said apologetically to a gate tender. "Ye see, there ain't nobody to home, an somebody up in our country is developin a ter'ble appetite fur Leghorn chickens, which is my specialty. I don't like the idee of stayin here overnight, dodgin bunko sterrers, when we orter be chasin chickin thieves."

"Haven't you got a hired man on the place?"

"We brought 'im along. He was willin to pay his own way, an ez he'd of quit ef I hed told 'im he'd gotter stay, I thort it 'ud save trouble in the end."

"Yes siree," chimed in the hired man, who came up just at that point in the conversation, "I had to move weth the percession. An I wouldn't of missed seein what I did fur nothin. I guess I got through weth more sights than anybody else in the hull outfit."

"I reckon ye didn't come across any more that was new an startlin than some of the rest of us," replied the old gentleman in a blase tone of toleration. "I know of one thing thet ye didn't see, fur mother says she had her eye on ye all the time. Hev ye got any money?"

"Two dollar an sixty cents," was the self satisfied response.

"Then ye didn't see what I'm talkin about. Ye run over to thet store an buy 3 cents' wuth of English walnuts an I'll show it to ye. I'll be over whur mother an Zeb is, 'cause it'll interest them too."

When the hired man came back from his errand, the old gentleman was saying to his wife: "I was out fur experience, an ye can't git experience without its costin a leetle somethin. I learnt a new game, an I want Zeb an the hired man ter know about it, so's ter put 'em on their guard again the wickedness of this here world. All ye need is some walnut shells an a paper wad."

The members of his household followed him to the window ledge, and, after a few preliminary passes to loosen up his muscles for feats of legerdemain, he paused to remark:

"Now, ye'll understan, of course, thet this here ain't no lesson in gamblin. I jes' wanter show ye how it's done. When ye go ter town, ye'll know jes' ez much about it ez them sharpers does an be on yer guard. It's a game whur the man ez does the guessin ain't got no show whutsomever."

He manipulated the shells and the paper wad in imitation of the man he had seen at the fair, and stepping back said:

"Course, I don't want ye ter bet nothin, 'cause that 'ud be jes' like robbin yer. But it won't do no harm for ye ter make a guess, an's ter show ye how the dagon ed swindle operates."

"I'll bet ye my new knife again that buckhorn handled one of yer'n that I kin pick out the shell ez has the paper wad under it," remarked the hired man.

"I wouldn't let ye do it. Don't ye understan' thet this is a skin game I'm a-showin ye?"

"I don't keer nothin 'bout that. I've got that there paper wad located an ye da'sn't bet thet I ain't."

"I da'sn't, da'sn't I? I don't like ter take no advantage of ye, but ye're a man growed an responsible fur yer own acks. Put up yer knife."

The stakes were laid on the window ledge, and the hired man promptly selected the right shell.

"By hokey," exclaimed the old gentleman, "ye've guessed it! It must 'a' been by a miracle."

He tried it again, and this time not only the hired man, but Zeb and the old lady, risked all their available small change. Again the amateur trimble rigger juggled the shells, and with the same result.

"Better own up an quit, Father," suggested Zeb.

"I won't do nothin of the kind," was the reply.

In the course of time he issued promissory notes for a saddle blanket, a pair of boots, six pearl collar buttons, a calico dress, a pair of bearskin gloves, seven plugs of tobacco and $4.50. But he was not discouraged. He was preparing for another shuffle of the walnut shells, when his wife exclaimed:

"Elihu, ain't it purty near train time?"

There was a simultaneous rush for the gate. Their train had been gone nearly 15 minutes.

"Waal," said the old gentleman, "it's disapp'intin ter hev ter set here tell the nex' one goes, but we've had the benefit of the exposy, anyhow. Ye kin allus dror a moral from most anything that happens. It all goes ter show thet there ain't any way of bein re'ly safe in games of chance, no matter which side ye're on."

"Yes," said Zeb, "it all come ter pass 'long of hevin ter kill time in this here place."

"Whur's the hired man?"

"He told me thet, ez it would be a good while tell the train went, he reckoned he'd take some of his winnin's an paint the town a little bit."

The old lady passed around some red apples and remarked:

"To my way of thinkin, there's another eternal truth thet this afternoon hez demonstrated."

"What is it, Mirandy?"

"A fool an his money are soon parted."

And her husband never took the trouble to inquire whether she meant him or the hired man.—Washington Star.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

To change one's nationality in Russia is not at the command of every purse. The first condition is that you should be a landowner for five years at the shortest, and that during the whole of that period you should have resided upon your property in that country. The next condition is that you should take the oath of allegiance to the czar.

When an Englishman becomes a naturalized Norwegian, his wife and children also change their nationality.

Firle hill, or Beacon, is a well known height of the South downs, and the "cap" referred to is a covering of clouds or mist.—English Illustrated Magazine.

Shirts of chain armor, which cost about $500, are now worn by more than one distinguished person on the continent.

LIGHT BRAHMAS.

I am now prepared to furnish a limited number of settings of eggs from these famous winter layers, at

$2.00 PER SETTING OF 13.

I have secured the best specimens of the breed, and can now show birds in my yard of the great Felch and Grisweld strains. Have no other breed on my place.

During the past year my birds have won a number of prizes: "ISAAC," imported by me direct from Felch, won first at Galveston: score 93½. I have also added another fine bird—OLD CHIEF"—to my yard. I purchased him from Randolph, at Austin. He has rarely ever failed to win first in the show ring.

J. S. DOWELL,
McKinney, Texas.

Young stock now for sale. 49

Barred Plymouth Rocks.

THE FARMER'S AND FANCIER'S FAVORITE.

I have a pen of the above named Chickens that are as good as the best from which I will sell a few settings of Eggs

At $2 per Setting

of Fifteen Eggs. Stock for sale in the Fall. I will take pleasure in showing you my pen of birds, whether you wish to buy or not. Yours for the poor of American birds.

J. H. SNEED.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PARKER'S GINGER TONIC

Cures Lung Troubles, Debility, distressing stomach and bowel ills, and is noted for making cures when all other ointments fail. Every mother and invalid should have it.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists

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Original and Only Genuine.

SAFE, always reliable. LADIES ask Druggist for Chichester's English Diamond Brand in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse dangerous substitutions and imitations. At Druggists, or send 4c. in stamps for particulars, testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Name Paper. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Square, Phila., Pa.

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For the North and East,

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This is the Short and Quick Line,

And HOURS ARE SAVED

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For further information, apply to Ticket Agents of Connecting Lines, or to

J. C. LEWIS, Traveling Pass'r Agent, Austin, Tex.

H. C. TOWNSEND, G. P. and T. A., ST. LOUIS.

A Busy Man's Train.

As the new "Cotton Belt" through connection from Texas to Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago and the North and East via Memphis and the Great Illinois Central Railway system, putting passengers into all these cities in the morning with but one day spent on the road or lost from business.

Leave Texas at night, after arranging your affairs, in a luxurious Pullman sleeper at a reasonable hour, and arrive the second day at destination in time to transact the business of the day. If time is money to you it will pay you to investigate this. Ask any Cotton Belt ticket Agent for schedule and rates.

S. G. WARNER, General Passenger Agent, Tyler, Texas.
A. A. GLISSON, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas.

A SLIGHT INTERRUPTION.

Incident of a Reporter's Visit to a Fire Engine House.

A reporter who had sought at a fire engine house information on a point concerning which the driver could best inform him stood talking with the driver by the stall of one of the horses. The horse was secured by a tie strap commonly used in the department. One end of the tie strap is made fast by a staple driven into the side of the stall, while the other end is passed through the throat latch of the horse's bridle and held on a pin that rises in a little recess in the side of the stall. By means of a simple mechanical contrivance the pin is pulled down at the first stroke of the gong when an alarm is sounded, the tie strap is released, and the horse is set free. As the driver and the reporter talked, the horse, in a friendly sort of way, bent his head down toward the driver.

Suddenly an alarm was sounded, and the horse was transformed, and likewise the driver. The horse's head went up, and he was alert in every fiber. At the first stroke the pin had dropped, and the horse was free. With a single bound he cleared the stall and made for his place by the engine, with the driver beside him. The other two horses of the team—this was a three horse team—were clattering forward at the same moment. At the front of the house men were sliding down poles like lightning.

There were a few sharp, quick, snapping sounds, as the men already there snapped the collars together around the horses' necks, and over it all the booming of the gong.

In all the newer firehouses of the city the stalls of the horses are placed as nearly as possible abreast of the engine, so that the horses shall have the shortest possible distance to go. In some of the older houses, in which there is less room, the stalls are at the rear. That is where they were in this house.

Surprised a little, the reporter had lost a second or two in getting to the front. When he got there, he saw the driver in his seat holding the lines over the team ready to drive out and waiting only for the last stroke on the gong.

All fire teams are hooked up on every alarm. On first alarm they go out only to fires within their own district. This alarm was for a fire outside the district. Unbooked, the horses trotted back to their stalls. Descending from his seat, the driver took up the interrupted conversation just as if nothing had happened.—New York Sun.

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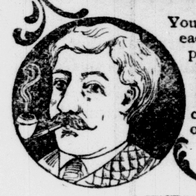

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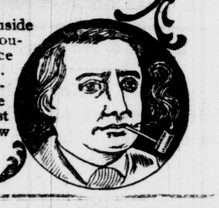

FOOLED THE MANAGER.

How J. W. Kelly, "the Rolling Mill Man," Made the Hit of His Life.

A theatrical manager tells this story regarding the late J. W. Kelly:

In his earlier days Kelly was appearing at a variety hall in San Francisco. The proprietor and manager of the place was a German, who had a great admiration for the "rolling mill man." While Kelly was appearing at the theater the German arranged to put on the stage a series of tableaux depicting the heroism of the members of the San Francisco fire department. Kelly was to stand at one side of the stage and recite some original verses describing each picture or tableau as it was shown on the stage. The German was wildly anxious that this tribute to the firemen should make a hit on the opening night.

"Oh, Chon," he said, "do your best, and you vill make te hit of your life!"

On the day of the opening Kelly remained at home, so as to be in the best possible trim for the show. Soon after 8 o'clock he started for the theater.

Just before going into the hall it occurred to him that he could have some fun with the German, so he turned up his coat collar, mussed his hair and went reeling into the variety hall.

There was a sound of crashing glassware. The German had dropped a tray full of beer glasses.

"Oh, Chon," he moaned, waving his hands in the air, "you he'f woomed all te tapleze! Vat is te good of hafing Irishman to vork for you?"

"Thash all right," mumbled Kelly, staggering up to him.

"Go vay," shouted the manager. "You hef kvarrel to show."

With that the manager rushed for the stage and arranged that a soubrette should announce the tableaux. Then he went out in front and waited, all in a tremble, to see if she could get through with it. In the meantime Kelly went around on the stage, and just as the soubrette walked on the stage Kelly followed her and said, "I'll take care of this."

The German saw him come on the stage, and with a cry of mortal terror ran for the front door. He knew that Kelly would spoil everything. He stood in the street, mopping his brow and moaning in agony, when he began to hear loud applause inside the theater. He could hardly believe his senses.

Every few seconds there would be a roar of laughter and handclapping. He timidly went back into the hall, and there was Kelly, sober as a judge and "straight as a string," making the hit of his life. After that all the German could do was to sit down at a table to weep and order beer for everybody around.

In telling the story Kelly used to say merely to finish the story, "I saw him after that when I really did have a tidy number aboard, but he only laughed and said, 'No, Chen, you can't fool me.'"—Chicago Record.

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FOOD FOR THE FIEND

NEW YORK'S "FIREPROOF" SKYSCRAPERS INVITE A HOLOCAUST.

Once Well Started a Conflagration Might Wipe Out the Best Part of the Business Section—Too Much Iron, Says Chief of Fire Department Bonner.

New York's business section—that part of the city that includes the newest of modern fireproof buildings—is in great danger of being wiped out by fire. Capitalists who furnish the money that pays for erecting those new buildings do not seem to realize this fact, although the veteran chief of the fire department reiterates this statement about once a year. Read what he says.

"That a big section of lower New York some day will be wiped out by fire is probable if existing conditions continue," Fire Chief Bonner said to a Press reporter.

These conditions are the height of the buildings, the material used in their construction, the narrowness of the streets and the inadequacy of the water supply.

It is a favorite argument that if worst came to worst, buildings ahead of a burning area could be blown up, as the farmer turns a dead furrow to check the prairie fire. This theory is not advanced any more by intelligent men, says the chief.

"We can fight a fire 125 feet high, or ten stories. Above that we are well nigh helpless. They say that the modern tall fireproof building needs not as much protection as the ordinary low structure. But the fireproof building is yet to be built. The communists couldn't destroy Paris in 1871 even by the use of barrels of petroleum. In American buildings are all the necessities of a big, hot fire, without the aid of a drop of petroleum. The large structures in foreign cities are built far more solidly than ours. Having fewer forests and less wood, European builders get along with little inside trim of wood. Iron and steel in these days have taken the place in this country of masonry. Nothing withstands fire as well as a well constructed brick wall. Iron columns are covered with four inches of terra cotta or brick, which fire and water can tear off in a short time. Then the stripped iron is left to warp and twist and tumble. I believe the covering should be eight inches.

"With only one night watchman in a building, in danger, like all mortals, of sudden sickness or incapacity, and with no night elevator, a fire could get a good headway in the upper floors of a 20 or 30 story building. Bursting out of the windows and fanned by a strong wind, the flames could easily leap the narrow streets of lower New York and a fire of enormous extent and damage begin.

"I have always opposed putting a big building in City Hall park, believing that the time might come when that area, needful as a base of operations, would be the salvation of the city."

Most of the new sky scrapers have fire fighting appliances of their own of more or less value. Tanks on the roof and in the cellars are supplied and kept full by the city. These are as much various systems, but as for the ordinary requirements of tenants as for possible use in fire. Some of the structures have standpipes inside or outside the wall. Legally there is no way of compelling the builders of what is called a "fireproof" building to put in more than the most ordinary fire appliances, even above the 125 foot line.

Building a 20 story structure is much like building a dwelling house in one respect—there's always deviations from the plans and improvements upon them. For every alteration from the drawings filed with the building department the permission of the board of examiners must be had. If the alterations are proper, consent is granted, but on condition that approved fire appliances be put in the building, particularly in the upper stories. These include a stipulation that at least one elevator shall be ready to run at any time in the night in order that the firemen can get up and down quickly; the putting of hose and fire buckets on each floor, and, usually, a standpipe, with couplings for each floor. When the builders consent to add these equipments and others deemed necessary, including a competent night watch service, permission is granted to make the alterations. This applies, of course, only to buildings under construction recently. Of those already up there is small hope unless the underwriters' offer of lower premiums appeal sufficiently to the pocketbook.

To the end that the fire resistance of building materials shall be known positively, fire tests have been made under the supervision of the superintendent of buildings. Three such public exhibitions already have been held, and they will be continued at intervals through the winter. When finished, Superintendent Constable will make a report to the board of examiners.

The cry for more water in the lower part of the city has been insistent for years. Many have been the plans for reservoirs at the Battery and on either side half a mile or a mile up stream. Every time an extra line of pipe has been laid with the object of furnishing the needed surplus it has been tapped up town. The fire and building departments hope that the two 48 inch mains being laid in Fifth avenue will be left for the relief of the section below Chambers street. Chief Bonner says the Forty-second street reservoir should not be disturbed until water is flowing undiverted through these mains to the locality that needs it most and for which it is intended.

That New York will be brought face to face with grave peril from the 80 storied structures unless precautions plentiful and timely are taken is not doubted by those who have studied the problem of maintaining safety with mountainous firebrands in narrow streets.—New York Press.

SURPRISING THE ORIENTALS.

A Sea of Pigtails Watched a Twist Drill Work.

An interesting account of a visit to a Chinese arsenal near Pachau is given by a correspondent of Cassier's Magazine. He says:

"Taking out two drills, I sent them in and immediately was invited to enter. The official was polite, bowing and shaking his own hands, as is the custom among Chinamen, and offered me a cup of tea.

"There happened to be several forgings in the room, and as I pressed the drills against them and pointed to over the wall he seemed to comprehend what was wanted, and in a few minutes I was in a large, well lighted machine shop. I might say this extensive plant was built and equipped by French engineers some 15 years ago.

"The native foreman examined my tools with great interest and called in several assistants. All looked puzzled and did not seem to know what they were for. Walking to a drill press, I took out the first drill, and, after considerable packing around the shank, succeeded in getting one of my taper shank twist drills to run fairly true in the spindle. There must have been 50 Chinamen working in the room, and every one had gathered around this press. The foreman ordered them off repeatedly, and then, looking at me, laughed good naturedly and gave it up.

"He brought a piece of cast iron, but I wanted something harder to drill, so I walked over to a large planer and took a long extension tool, made from 3 by 1¾ inch tool steel, and clamped it up to the table of the drill press. He shook his head, intimating that the twist drill could not go through, and the crowd of workmen emitted grunts of approval.

"The press started, the lips of the twist drill turned out two spiral chips. The men elbowed me to one side. There was a sea of pigtails bending down, watching the marvelous action of that little tool. As the chips grew in length the expressions of wonderment increased.

"It happened that the chips did not break until they were about 14 inches long. Then others started, and each time that they broke off they were eagerly snatched by the men, some burning their fingers, and examined carefully from end to end.

"The dull edges of the drill were shown around and then ground and started again, and the fact that the drill would cut as well as the first time caused increased amazement and murmurs. I have made many tests with twist drills, but never before such an appreciative and demonstrative audience."

Malice.

"I guess I've found a way to take the conceit out of that amateur actress," remarked the girl who is not always good natured.

"How did you do it?"

"Introduced her to an amateur photographer who wanted to take her picture."—Washington Star.

GETTING PATENTS.

The Discoverers Are Not Usually the Ones to Reap the Reward.

If you look back on the history of human progress, you will find that none of the great epoch making inventions has ever been patented. The man who lit the first fire—whether Prometheus or the party from whom he stole the idea—did not get a patent for it. Neither did the man who made the first wheel, in every sense one of the most revolutionary inventions in the history of man. The same thing may be said of the inventor of soap, candles, gun powder, umbrellas and the mariner's compass, or, to come down to our own day, of the steam engine and the electric telegraph.

Patents are mostly concerned with small mechanical details and improvements—it may be in the application of steam and electricity—and by means of these patents enormous profits have been secured to second rate inventors, but the great ideas and discoveries which underlie these details have been given to the world gratis.

There is a general notion that if you did not protect inventions by means of patents inventers would cease to invent and mechanical progress would come to a standstill. But history does not bear this out in the least. Men with great mechanical gifts do not exercise them solely with a view to commercial profit any more than astronomers search the heavens for new worlds with an eye to registering patents and floating companies on the results of their discoveries.—London Truth.

Embroidered Suspenders.

"There's no fancy business about it," he said. "It's just plain, hard sense. Since the new woman has made herself so distressingly apparent I have had to have my initials put on nearly everything I wear, so that there would be no excuse for my wife thinking it's hers."—Chicago Post.

Her Trial.

"I am not going to give him up without a trial," said the woman as she instituted proceedings for a divorce.—Richmond Dispatch.

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